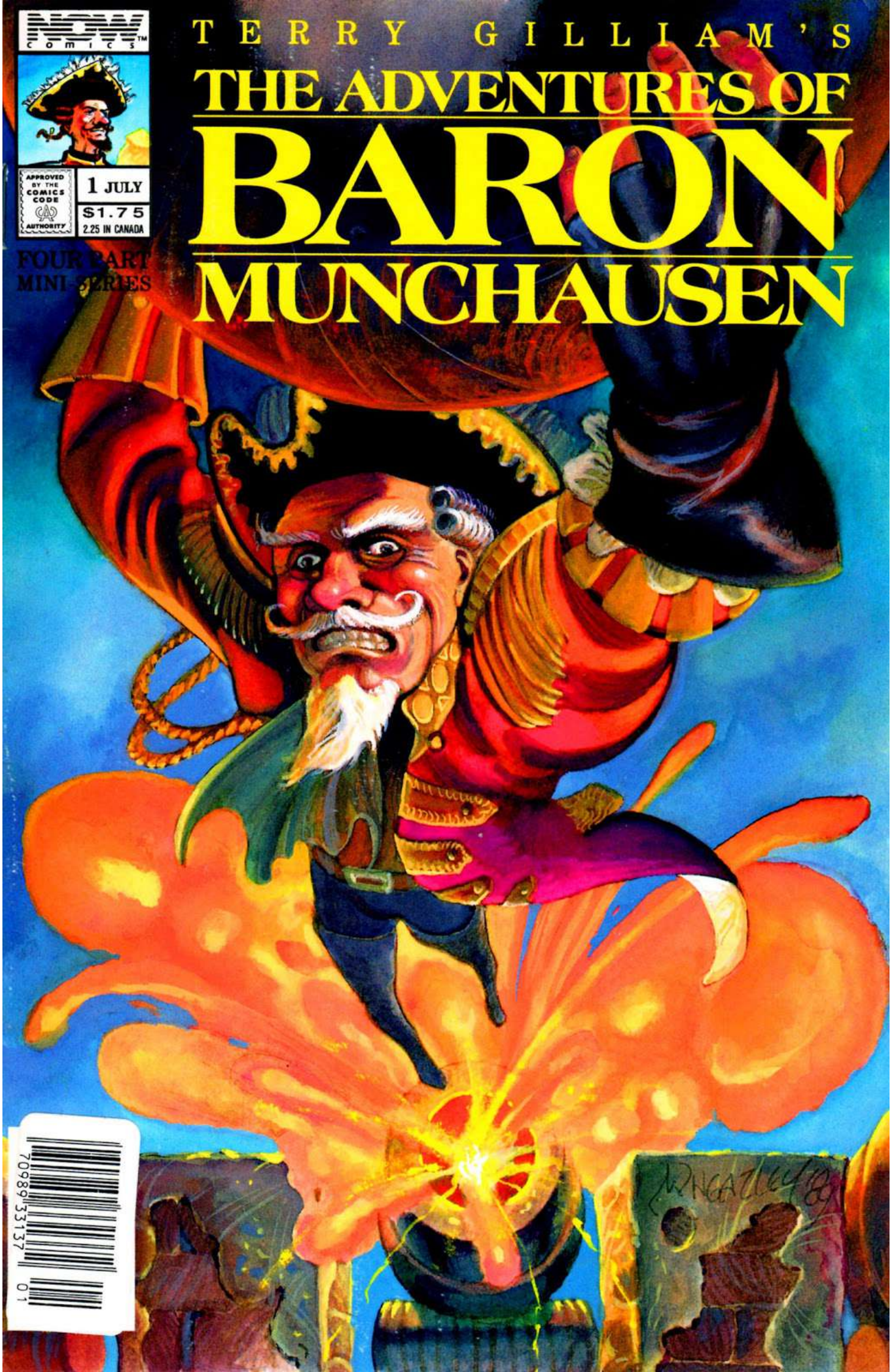
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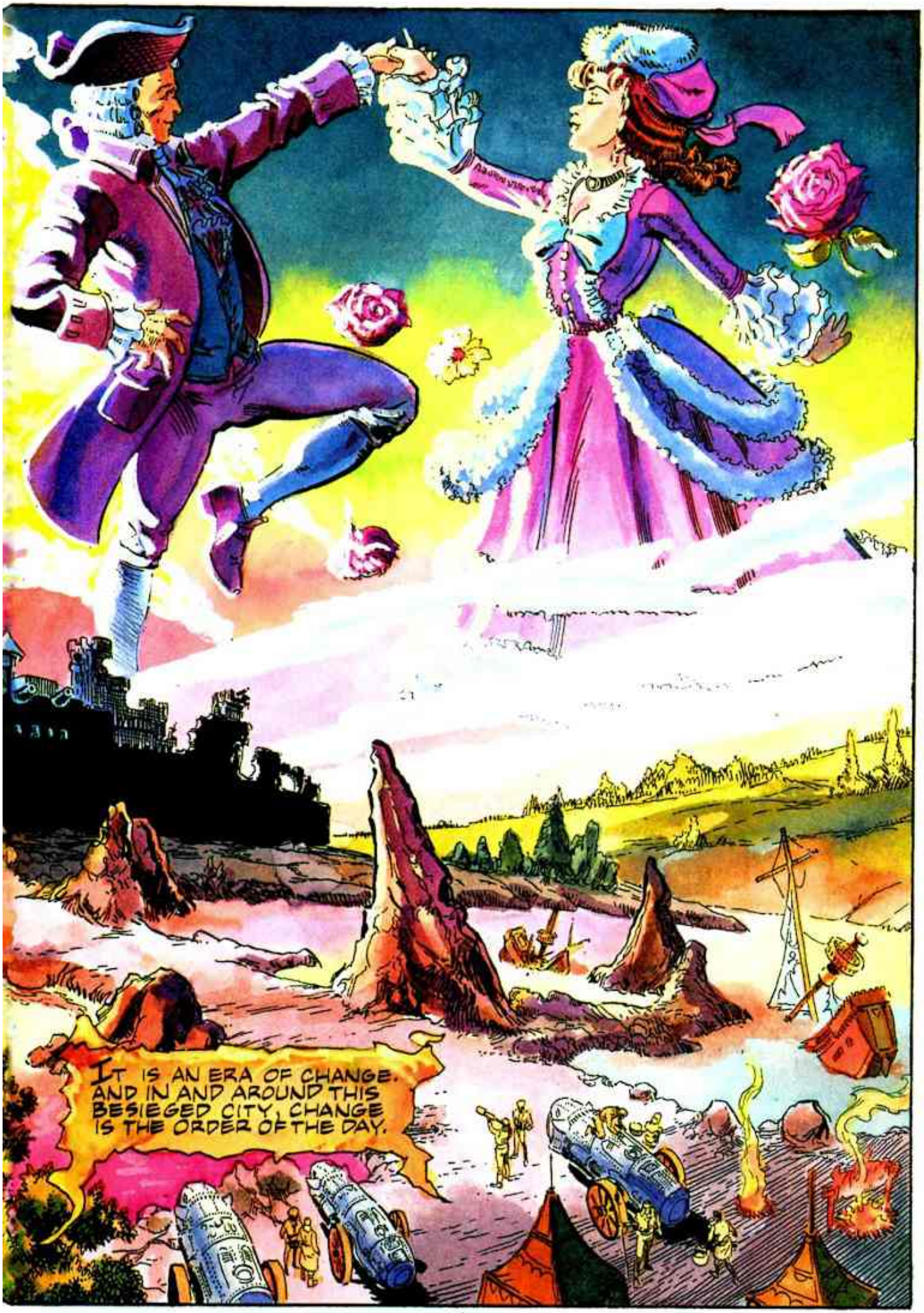
IT IS AN ERA OF CHANGE. AND IN AND AROUND THIS BESIEGED CITY, CHANGE IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

CHANGE SURROUNDS THE CITY.
THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD.
THE CHANGE OF DAY TO NIGHT.
CHANGE FROM MEAL...
...TO MEAL.
CHANGE INVADES THE CITY.
CHANGE ATTACKS THE QUALITY OF LIFE.
TURNING THE GOOD...

...INTO BAD.
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FROM THE DEAD.
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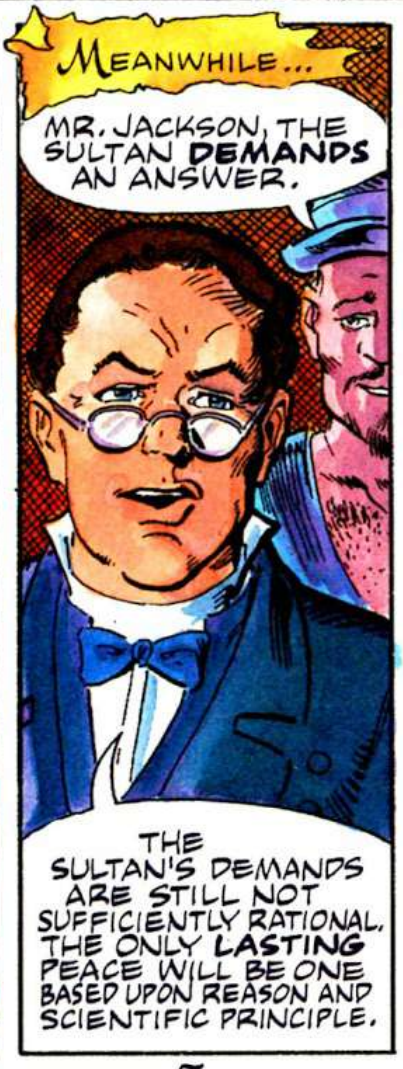
WHY DOES HE MAKE THESE MISTAKES?
IF I WAS HIS SON, WHY WOULD HE NAME ME SALLY?
WELCOME TO THE DAYS OF CHANGE.
WHEN CHILDHOOD IS ONLY ONE STEP SHORT...
OF DEATH!

AS SALLY WANDERS THE CITY, HER FATHER PERFORMS FOR THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND STARVING CITIZENS.
WE HEAVED ANCHOR AND SET SAIL!
WE HEAVED ANCHOR AND SET SAIL!
WAVES! YOU DOLTS! MOVE THE WAVES!
HENRY SALT IS LEFT UNASSISTED, ON STAGE. HIS PROPS DO NOT MOVE.
GET ON WITH IT!
HE'S BECALMED!
THERE'S BEEN A MUTINY!
HA! HA!
MR. JACKSON, SIR. ARE YOU ENJOYING IT?
AM I ENJOYING IT?
HA!

THAT'S NOT **REALLY** THE POINT, IS IT?
THE POINT IS, IS THIS **THEATER** VIABLE, AND/OR ARE THESE **ACTORS** FULFILLING A USEFUL AND NECESSARY FUNCTION?
IT'S THE END OF ACT I, AND HENRY SALT IS BACKSTAGE ASKING MUCH THE SAME QUESTION--
**DAMN** AND **BLAST**
WHERE WERE THE **WAVES**?
YOU INCOMPETENT **IMBECILE**! THAT AUDIENCE WAS LAUGHING AT ME!
WASN'T MY FAULT.
SURE WASN'T ME!

:sigh:
WE'RE **SUPPOSED** TO BE PRO-FESSIONALS.
AND WE'RE TRYING TO STAY ALIVE.
MR. JACKSON WON'T THROW US TO THE TURKS, WILL HE?

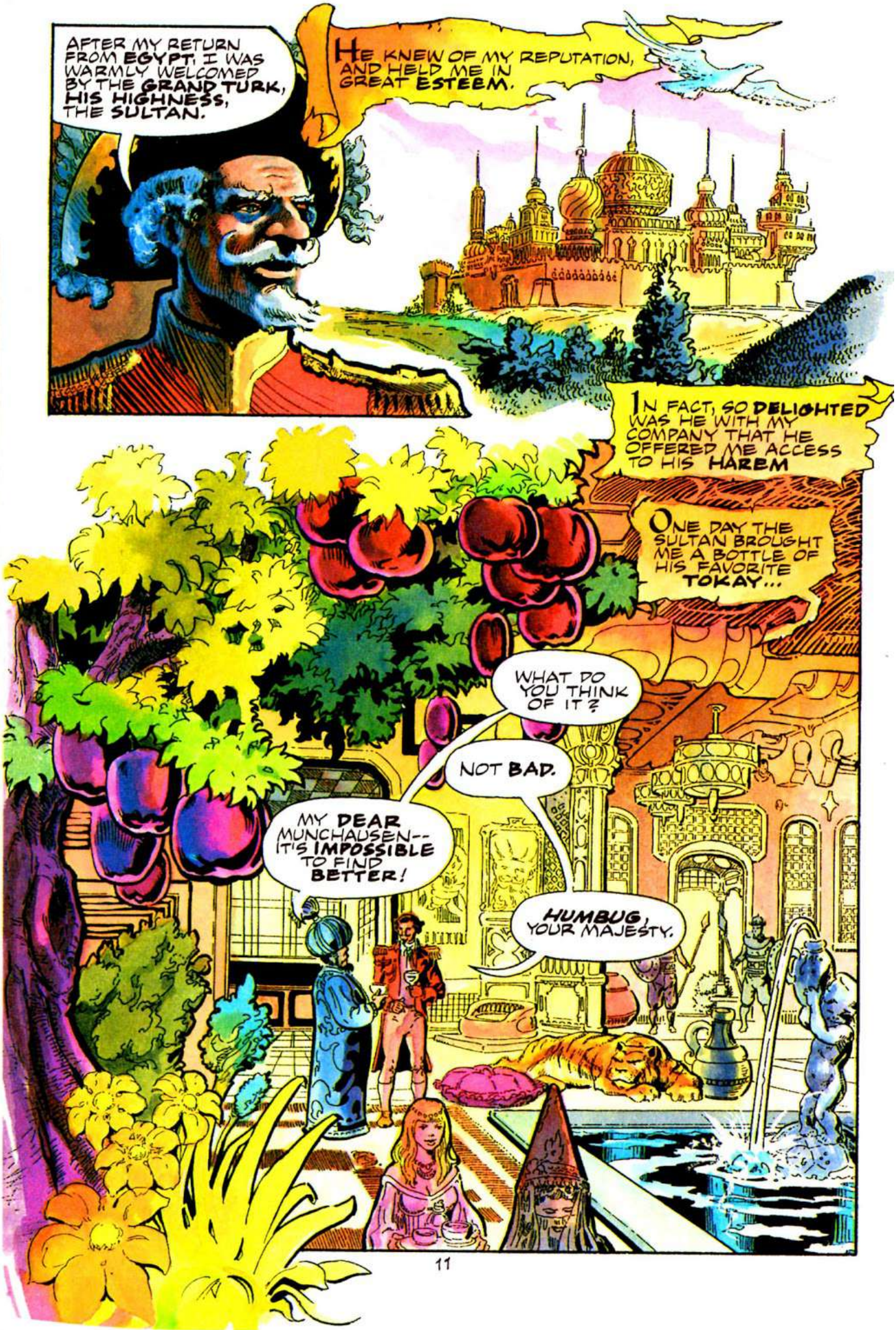

MEANWHILE...
MR. JACKSON, THE SULTAN **DEMANDS** AN ANSWER.
THE SULTAN'S DEMANDS ARE STILL NOT SUFFICIENTLY RATIONAL. THE ONLY **LASTING** PEACE WILL BE ONE BASED UPON REASON AND SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLE.

PARDON ME, I'M TER-RIBLY SORRY, MR. JACKSON... THE FIRST ACT DIDN'T GO QUITE AS WELL AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED...
...ONE OR TWO LITTLE TECHNICAL...
MR. SALT... PLEASE DON'T APOLOGIZE. I APPRECIATE THAT YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. NOW, PLEASE EXCUSE ME.

SIR, THIS IS THE OFFICER WHO RISKED HIS LIFE.
HE SINGLEHANDEDLY DESTROYED SIX ENEMY CANNON AND RESCUED TEN OF OUR MEN CAPTURED BY THE TURKS.
AH, THE OFFICER ABOUT WHOM WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH. ALWAYS TAKING **RISKS**.
YES, SIR.
HAVE HIM **EXECUTED** AT ONCE.
THIS SORT OF BEHAVIOR IS DEMORALIZING FOR THE ORDINARY SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS WHO ARE LEADING NORMAL, SIMPLE, UNEXCEPTIONAL LIVES. THINGS ARE BAD ENOUGH WITHOUT THESE EMOTIONAL PEOPLE ROCKING THE BOAT.
ACT II.
AAAH-- CONSTANTINOPLE-- THE COURT OF THE GRAND TURK!
PERHAPS FATE WISHES ME TO TEACH THE **SULTAN** A LESSON OR TWO!
YEAH!
YAY!
GET THE **SULTAN**!
HIS HIGHNESS, THE SULTAN, LOVED **GOOD WINE**, AND COULD NEVER RESIST A WAGER... CHARACTERISTICS THAT WERE TO COST HIM **DEAR**...
LIES!!
**LIES!** **LIES!** STOP THIS **TRAVESTY** OF A PLAY!

THIS BLACKGUARD'S AN IMPOSTER! I AM BARON MUNCHAUSEN!
AND I WON'T BE MADE A FOOL OF!
YOU CANNOT COME UP ON STAGE!
WE ARE PRESENTING A PERFORMANCE!
WHAT THE DEVIL'S GOING ON?
YOU ARE PRESENTING A MOCKERY!
YOU PORTRAY ME AS IF I WERE A RIDICULOUS FICTION! A JOKE!
I WON'T HAVE IT!
TABS! TABS! BRING IN THE TABS!
DOWN COME THE CURTAINS AND OUT COME SALT'S ACTORS TO HELP.
EH, LISTEN, COCKY, WE'VE GOT A SHOW TO DO.
GOOD LORD! BERTHOLD! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
ALBRECHT!
I'M BILL.
ADOLPHUS!
NO, RUPERT.
GUSTAVUS!
THE NAME'S JEREMY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHO IS THIS?
I'VE NO IDEA! SOME OLD LUNATIC...
FATHER, HE'S BARON MUNCHAUSEN.
OH YES, I'M SURE HE IS. THE REAL BARON.
YES!
YES, INDEED! AND WHO, SIR, ARE YOU?
THIS, SIR, IS THE RIGHT ORDINARY HORATIO JACKSON WHO HAPPENS TO BE WINNING THE WAR AND SAVING THE CITY!
PAH! ONLY I CAN WIN THIS WAR!
PLEASE! IF WE DON'T GET ON WITH THE SHOW, MR. JACKSON WILL THROW US TO THE TURKS!
THEN THE SHOW MUST CONTINUE--
MY SHOW!
NO!
MY LORDS AND LADIES, I AM BARON MUNCHAUSEN.
NOW I SHALL TELL YOU OF MY ADVENTURES, WHICH, I ASSURE YOU, ARE TRUE!
YEA!
HA!
THAT'S THE STUFF! TELL US THE TRUTH! QUICK, BEFORE YOU DROP DEAD!
ALRIGHT! THE TRUTH IS--I AM THE CAUSE OF THIS SIEGE.
QUIET, NOW!
LISTEN TO MY TALE!


AFTER MY RETURN FROM EGYPT, I WAS WARMLY WELCOMED BY THE GRAND TURK, HIS HIGHNESS, THE SULTAN.
HE KNEW OF MY REPUTATION, AND HELD ME IN GREAT ESTEEM.
IN FACT, SO DELIGHTED WAS HE WITH MY COMPANY THAT HE OFFERED ME ACCESS TO HIS HAREM
ONE DAY THE SULTAN BROUGHT ME A BOTTLE OF HIS FAVORITE TOKAY...
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?
NOT BAD.
MY DEAR MUNCHAUSEN-- IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND BETTER!
HUMBUG, YOUR MAJESTY.

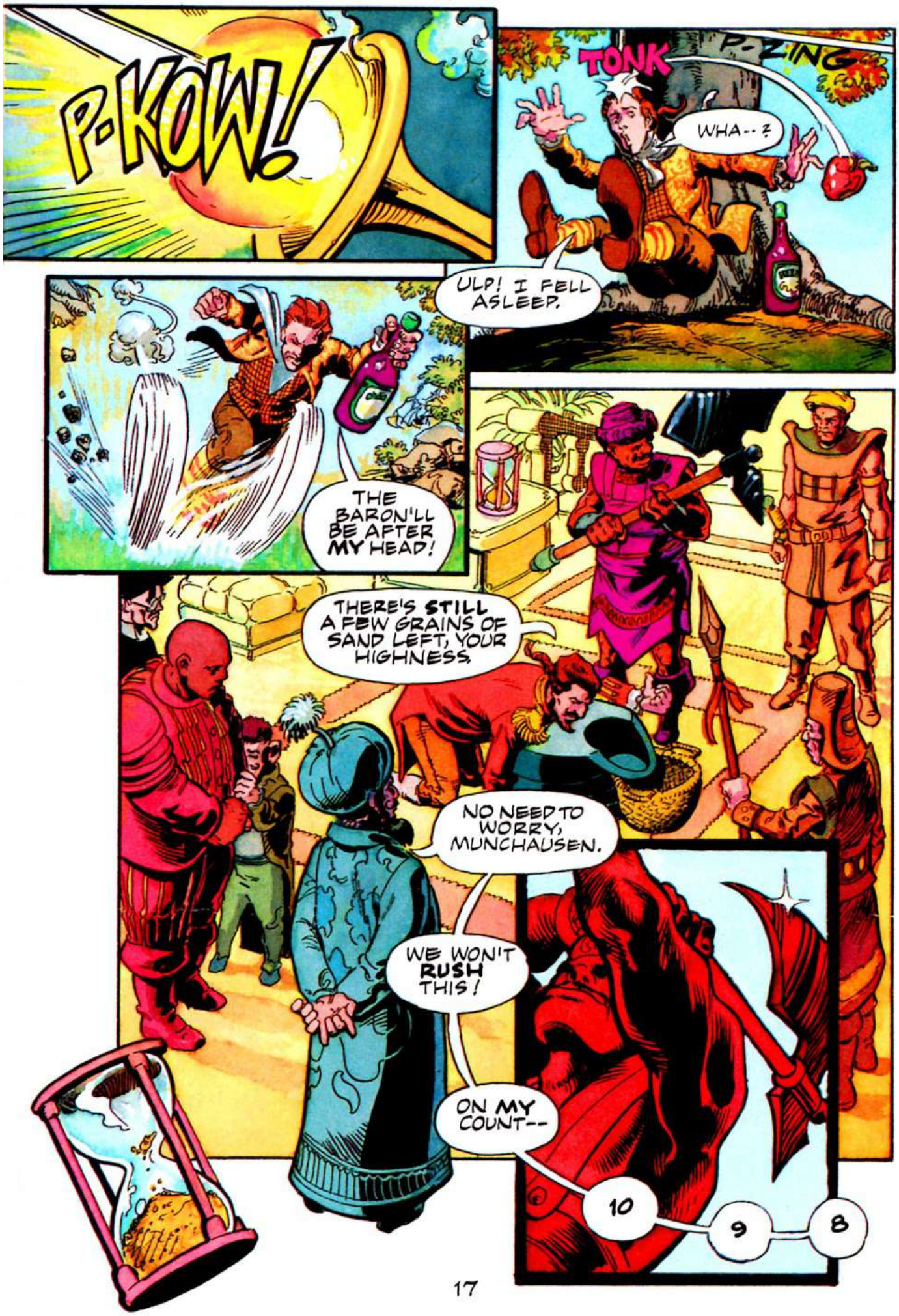
I WAGER MY HEAD I CAN HAVE A BETTER BOTTLE, FROM VIENNA, HERE WITHIN THE HOUR!
FROM A THOUSAND MILES AWAY? HA! I ACCEPT!
AND IF YOU SUCCEED, YOU MAY TAKE FROM MY TREASURY AS MUCH AS YOUR STRONGEST MAN CAN CARRY.
AGREED!
BERTHOLD!
IN A SHORT WHILE--
YES?
TAKE THIS LETTER TO VIENNA, TO THE EMPRESS. SHE'LL GIVE YOU A BOTTLE OF WINE.
BE BACK IN AN HOUR.
RIGHT-OH!
OFF COME BERTHOLD'S ANKLE WEIGHTS...
AND--
BRUUM
ZIP!
HUMMM-- HE'S A LITTLE SLOW TODAY.
AMAZING!

THE HOUR BEGINS!
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE SOME ENTERTAINMENT, WHILE YOU WAIT?
I HAVE BEEN COMPOSING A SHORT OPERA.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR IT?
NO, THANK YOU.
OH, YOU'LL LIKE IT--IT'S A COMEDY!
IT'S CALLED THE TORTURER'S APPRENTICE!
HERE'S THE OVERTURE.
EYAG!
URK!
REAHHH!
HUMMM?
OH, MY--HOW DREADFUL!

THE ORGAN IS ALSO OF MY OWN DESIGN!
NO DOUBT!
NEARLY AN HOUR'S WORTH OF SAND FALLS--
THE TORTURED MUSIC SEEMS A PORTENT OF WHAT MAY COME.
SAY! WHAT ARE YOU...
HOUR'S NEARLY GONE!
OH-- gulp!
SULTAN, OLD BOY, EXCUSE ME. BACK IN FIVE MINUTES!
Dum, de dum...

BUCEPHALUS!
THUMPTY THUMPTY
BUCEPHALUS!
WUMP
GOOD BOY!

CRASH!
WHERE THE HELL'S BERTHOLD?
DUNNO.
IF HE'S NOT BACK IN ABOUT 3½ MINUTES, THE SULTAN'S GOING TO SETTLE A WAGER BY CUTTING OFF MY HEAD!
A WAGER! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?
900 MILES AWAY. I SEE HIM!
TAKE A LOOK, ADOLPHUS!
WUF
ONE ROUND SHOULD GET HIS ATTENTION.
BERTHOLD'S ASLEEP! I CAN HEAR HIM SNORING!
SOMEWHERE NEAR BELGRADE!


P-KOW!
TONK
P-ZING
WHA--?
ULP! I FELL ASLEEP.
THE BARON'LL BE AFTER MY HEAD!
THERE'S STILL A FEW GRAINS OF SAND LEFT, YOUR HIGHNESS.
NO NEED TO WORRY, MUNCHAUSEN.
WE WON'T RUSH THIS!
ON MY COUNT--
10
9
8

7
6
5
4
3
STOP!
I'M NOT LATE, AM I?
NO--BERTHOLD, YOU'RE NOT LATE.
A DRINK TO YOUR HEALTH, SULTAN?
HUMMM--
DELICIOUS! YOU WIN!
GO TO MY TREASURY AND COLLECT YOUR REWARD.
ALBRECHT, IS THAT ALL THE TREASURE YOU CAN CARRY?
HUMMM--IT DOES LOOK A LITTLE LIGHT!
I KNOW! BUT THIS IS EVERYTHING THAT WAS IN THE TREASURY!
EH--EH--EVERYTHING?!!

EASY, ALBRECHT! DON'T SCUFF THE WALLS!
AH--AH--
THE SULTAN.
HE MUST BE TOLD!
YOUR HIGHNESS! THE BARON'S SERVANT CARRIED OUT EVERY-THING IN THE TREASURY!
EVERYTHING?
EVERYTHING!
YOU TOAD! HOW COULD YOU ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN?!!
RAAARGH!
SKWISH
AND LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU!

PLUMP!
WELL, I FOR ONE, AM DISAP-POINTED!
UH-HUMM! I CERTAINLY EXPECTED MORE TREASURE THAN THIS!
HUMMM-- WHAT'S THIS, NOW?
THEY WANT IT BACK!
THEY'RE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT THE TREASURE.
NO, NO! THAT WON'T DO AT ALL!
I'LL HANDLE THIS!
AFTER A POWERFULLY DEEP BREATH--

GUSTAVUS EXHALES A HURRICANE-- LIKE A RUSH OF WIND--
THAT'S THE TICKET, GUSTAVUS!
WE'RE IN FOR A FIGHT!
I CAN SEE THAT!

STOP THEM!
STOP THEM!
BOOM
CRAK-A
BOOM
KRAK-A
BOOM!
CANNON!

SK-
TOOM!
DON'T GO! MY STORY ISN'T OVER!
WAIT! THIS BOMBING PROVES IT! THE SULTAN IS STILL AFTER MY HEAD!
YER CRAZY!
GET OUT B'FORE WE'RE SHELLED AGAIN!
GRRRRR!

PLEASE--

COME BACK!
LOOK OUT!
ZAWEEE

WHAT ARE THE TURKS PLAYING AT?!! IT'S WEDNESDAY, ISN'T IT?
OUTTA MYWAY!
KAKOOM!
SALT? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT THE SHOW-- I HOPE...
SALT--THIS THEATER IS CLOSED. YOUR COMPANY MUST BE OUT OF THE CITY BY MIDDAY TOMORROW!
MEANWHILE--
YOU'RE THE BARON'S DOGGY. WHAT IS IT?
WHERE'S THE BARON?
THE BARON IS IN A MORTAL FIGHT!
NO!

GET OFF!
RARK!
RARK!
NUARRGHHHH!
VOOOOOOOOSH!

HE'S GONE! BARON, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
AM I DEAD?
NO.
SAND?
BLAST! WHY NOT? MY SANDS HAVE ALL BUT RUN OUT!
IS THAT WHY YOU WANT TO DIE?
JUST TURN THE HOURGLASS OVER!
NOW--TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR STORY.
WHAT?
IN THE SULTAN'S PALACE... DID YOU ESCAPE? WERE YOU KILLED?
TELL ME!
AH-- MY LITTLE ANGEL-- YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW, DON'T YOU?
CRAC-A-THOOM!
STOP IT!
STOP IT!
WE'LL ALL BE KILLED!
THEN I'LL NEVER KNOW THE END OF THE STORY!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
COME BACK!
WRETCHED CHILD!

THE RAIN OF WAR SOAKS THE CITY STREETS-
CHILD!
CHILD-- BE CAREFUL!
DAMNATION!
STOP IT!
STOP SHOOTING!
GET DOWN!
YOU'LL GET US BOTH KILLED!
I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO DIE!
YES--BUT I'M OLD ENOUGH :gasp:
WOOM!

GENTLEMEN, SHOULDN'T YOU SILENCE THAT ENEMY CANNON?
NO FIRING ON WEDNESDAYS. IT'S IN THE RULES.
OF ALL THE HAIRBRAINED...
UMPH!
IF WE FIRE, IT'S AS IF WE'RE SAYING "WE DON'T KNOW IT'S WEDNESDAY."
HUMBUG!
CHANG!
IN MY VIEW, THE TURKS ARE TRYING TO UNDERMINE OUR VALUES - EVERYTHING WE STAND FOR. WEDNESDAY HAS BEEN OUR DAY OFF SINCE 1592! IT'S OUR TRADITION! "WEDNESDAYS OFF!"
KABRUMM
IF WE LET THAT GO, IT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE END!



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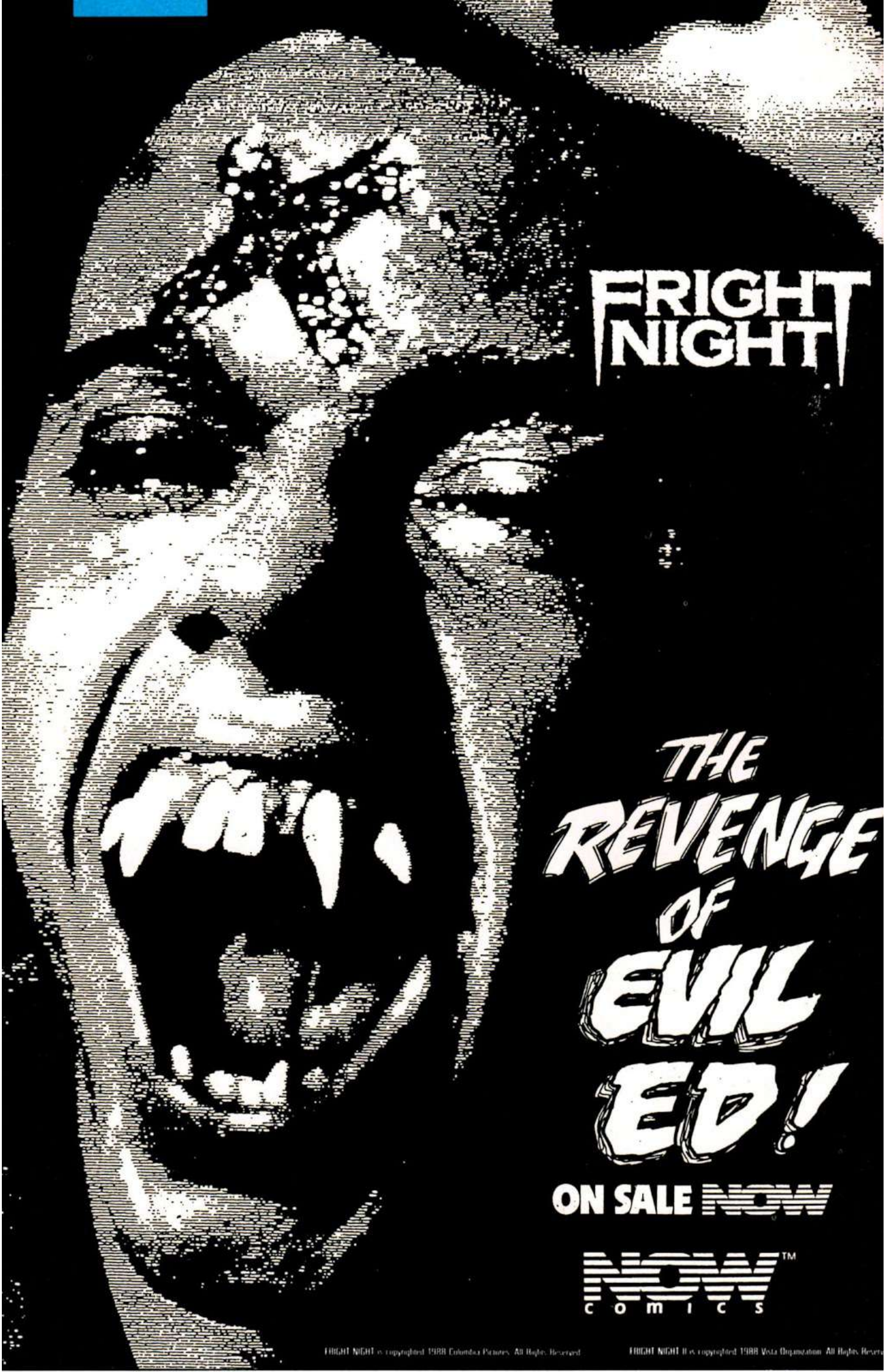
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# NOW NEWSFLASH!!

OOPS! Looks like the ***Paul Gulacy*** cover for THE TERMINATOR appeared this month. Isn't it worth the wait!

This is another outstanding month for NOW COMICS! Let's see, where should I begin...***Oh yes!***, In this month's issue of the highly acclaimed, highly praised and highly successful ***RALPH SNART ADVENTURES*** (Issue #10), we have an ALL-NEW story of RAPLHIE escaping from the Montgomery Home of the Really Insane to wreck havoc and destruction on poor innocent people (even grandmothers!).

Will planet Earth survive? Pick up the issue and see!

In ***SPEED RACER #22,*** everyone's favorite racer car driver DIES!! That's right, THE END. Does this mean the book is no more? Check it out and see, in Part Two of "The Last Lap".

***THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS #11*** has special guest artist **Dave Schwartz,** who is the regular artist on one of the two ***SLIMER*** stories in our new "FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY" comic book entitled simply; **SLIMER!.**

And there's always ***FRIGHT NIGHT #9,*** with another fantastic photo cover of actor **Stephen Geoffreys,** who protrayed the wacky "Evil Ed", from the first FRIGHT NIGHT movie! Inside the issue you can read Part Two of "The Revenge of Evil Ed!"

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Let's see, what can we talk about for you to look forward to...AH YES!! Don't forget about the "prestige format" adaptation of the upcoming sequel to FRIGHT NIGHT. Written by Matthew Costello, Pencilled by Lenin Delsol, and inked by Mark Pennington.

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Last year we had THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS appear along with a replica of the ECTO-1 car. The Stay-Puft Marshmellow Man stopped by every once in a while to say hello to a few of the thousands of people that showed up.

We will have that same display this year, but I'm working on something else too.

But anyway, if you'd like more information on these Cons keep an eye on the little box on the bottom left hand corner, when the Con information numbers are available, we'll list them for you.

Grab those books for autographing and come see us! We promise to have extra pens ready.

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